

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

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U.S. District Court
Southern District of West Virginia

STANDING ORDER RE: WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES

In order to enhance security, avoid disruption of proceedings, and prevent the illicit broadcast or taping of proceedings, the Court hereby adopts the following policy with respect to wireless communication devices.

Only attorneys, court reporters and court interpreters conducting official business at a federal courthouse in this District are permitted limited use of wireless communication devices, such as cellular telephones, pagers, personal data assistants (PDAs), BlackBerrys, and laptop computers. Audio or video recording or the taking of any photographs with such devices while in the courthouse is prohibited. Cellular telephones and pagers must be programmed so they will not emit any audible noise while in a courtroom. PDAs, BlackBerrys and laptop computers may be used to assist attorneys in their cases. The use of wireless communication devices for purposes of transmitting and/or receiving data while in a courtroom is prohibited. The use of wireless communication devices shall not be disruptive to court proceedings. Wireless communication devices are not permitted in a grand jury room while the grand jury is in session unless utilized by an agent or representative of the United States Attorney's Office for evidence presentation. Each judicial officer may modify this rule as circumstances warrant.

Any other individual who brings a wireless communication device into a federal courthouse in this District, excepting federal employees, elevator response personnel and PBX telephone technicians, will be required by the court security officers to deposit such device in storage facilities as provided at the front entry of the building, to be retrieved upon leaving the courthouse.

Appropriate signage will be posted outside the courthouse and at the security posts, and this policy will be published on the court's external web site and in notices provided to jurors.

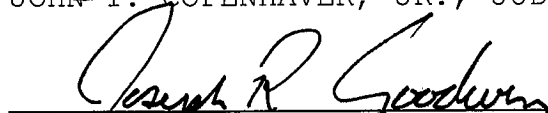
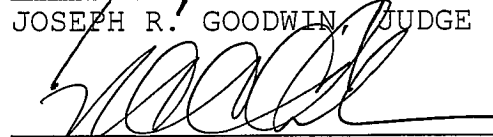
The Court authorizes the United States Marshal to allow wireless communication devices for emergency situations as deemed appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 30th day of DECEMBER, 2005.

ENTER:



DAVID A. FABER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE


JOHN T. COPENHAVER, JR., JUDGE
JOSEPH R. GOODWIN, JUDGE
ROBERT C. CHAMBERS, JUDGE
RONALD G. PEARSON, BANKRUPTCY JUDGE